GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:491
ANSWERED ON:23.07.2015
Tuticorin Port
Senguttuvan Shri Balasubramaniam

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a capesized ship had been recently berthed at Tuticorin Port and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government proposes to develop Tuticorin Port as a major port so as to serve as an alternative to Colombo Port as it is able to berth the large ships;
(c) if so, the details thereof; and
(d) whether the Government proposes to construct an outer harbour at Tuticorin Port to enable more cargo movements and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a): Yes, Madam. A Cape Size 1,81,456DWT Ship M..V. Lake D called at VOC Port on 22..01.2015 carrying 1,77,068 MT of iron ore with a draught of 18.19 Mtr. for lightening 6000 mt of iron ore at anchorage.
(b)to(d):V.O. Chidambaranar (Tuticorin) Port is one among the major port of India. The Government has announced establishment of outer harbour project in VOC Port with 16 m draft so as to handle large size ships. The Outer Harbour project will lead to substantial socio-economic development and industrialization of the hinterland of the Port and promote EXIM trade. The project is to be developed in 3 phases (Phase I − 2020-2030; Phase II − 2031-2036; Phase III − 2037-2043).

The phase-wise investment required for the project is as follows:-
(Rs. in crores)
Sl.No Phase No. of berths Expenditure (Construction Cost + IDC)
Port PPP mode Total
1. Phase I 8 9010 4765 13775
2. Phase II 4 - 2550 2550
3. Phase III 6 1155 3390 4545
Total 18 10165 10705 20870

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